



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday

Rite II, Year B

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16

August 22, 2021 10:15 a.m. Livestream



Welcome! Thank you for your patience and faithfulness as we continue to work our way through this global pandemic. All are welcome to join us either in-person or online at 10:15am on Sunday mornings. If you have difficulty accessing our online services, and would like assistance, please let us know. There are a variety of ways we can help. Our service airs beginning with the Preludes at 10am on: www.StPaulsVentura.org www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, and www.Facebook.com/StPaulsVentura.

There are two seating options at in-person Sunday services: 1) Open seating is available without a reservation. 2) A limited number of socially distanced seats are available each week by reservation only. If you need assistance with the reservation process, please contact the church office.

Check our Email Newsletter each week to keep up with the latest events, announcements and protocols. If you don't receive our newsletter, please contact us at office@saintpaulsventura.org.

Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Also contact us if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude(pre-recorded) *Fantasy on Nettleton* *Fred B. Binckes*

Welcome

Prelude (live) *Morning Light* *arr. Robert W. Swift; tune by George J. Webb*

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell

Processional Hymn Stand up, stand up for Jesus **Hymnal 561**

Opening Salutation Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading**Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18**

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm**Psalm 34:15-22**

The psalm this morning is a portion of Psalm 34. We will read it in responsively by whole verse.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
 and his ears are open to their cry.

**16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
 to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
 and delivers them from all their troubles.

**18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
 and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

**20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn Help us, O Lord, to learn
All stand as able to sing.

Hymnal 628

Holy Gospel

John 6:56-69

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the

spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Please stand as you are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Form I

BCP p.383

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer and are able.

Server: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

¹ universal; all embracing

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those battling COVID -19, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially (add names from Prayer Intentions) let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 359

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Please come forward to receive a blessing.

Liturgy of the Table

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated.

We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

Presentation Hymn

The Doxology

v.3 Hymnal 380

Please stand as you are able as the offering plate is brought forward.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p. 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Santo, Santo, Santo 3x Spanish, English, Spanish

WLP 785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now ask your blessing. Though we are not all together again, we remember the way that Jesus celebrated the first Eucharist and gave us the words of Institution:

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered here in the sanctuary and virtually in homes across your creation, we join together remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to you for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Sanctify us. Make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, you are known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

During this time of transition, we ask you to bless those not gathered with us that they may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament in the form of spiritual communion.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are not present with us today.

People **Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and we desire to offer you thanks and praise as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and help us to be mindful that,**

though we are separate from one another, you are always present and will never leave us. Bless each of us and our entire congregation, as well as all of our neighbors throughout the world. Fill us all with your light and nourish us with your word and Spirit until we can all be together again. Amen.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish to receive a blessing. The Presiding Bishop asks that we continue to serve communion in one kind only as he and his colleagues discern the best way to honor our Anglican heritage of the common cup in the shadow of pandemic.

Suggestion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion

Ubi Caritas

*Words: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8;
adapt. Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier*

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer and are able.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Go in peace.
Practice forgiveness.
Love the gospel.
In the name of Jesus, our Lord,
the blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit
sustain you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Hymnal 530

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*arr. Iouri Grichetchkine;
tune by Charles C. Converse*

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Server: Roger Crow | Lector: Ted Andrews
Altar Guild: Louise Bretz & Duffy Anderson
Flower Guild: Sarah Lamola | AV: Patrick VanHorn
Ushers: Steve Jones & Richard Goodman
Seating Coordinator: Barb Gear
Welcome Committee: Julie Braithwaite



Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 22, 2021

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Jesse, Lorraine, Jo Ellen, Liz Ashley, Maryanne, Sue, Pat, all first responders on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone battling COVID-19.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Selma, Barb, Dave, Jeanice, Regina, Virginia, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara
- Our World Mission Companions: the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaoso, Ghana
- The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ

IN MEMORIAM

For Glenn Owens, Kiel, Fred Zalokar, Lee Molesworth, Jean Jenkins and all those we love and see no longer.

Contact the office with your prayer requests which may be added at any time.



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St. Paul's Announcements August 22, 2021

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

A warm welcome to you! We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.



This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements.

To see all the announcements, please check the weekly Enews Announcements Edition. If you don't receive our email newsletter, we'd be happy to add you to the list.
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Next Sunday: August 29th at 10:15am – Livestream and In Person!

We will continue with our open and socially-distanced seating at our Sunday Worship service on August 29, 2021 at 10:15am. Drew Darby will be preaching!

If you are arriving for open seating, please plan to come by 10am since we start recording at 10:15am for our livestream audience. If you are coming for a reserved, socially-distanced seat, please arrive by 9:45am to be seated by our ushers and seating coordinator. You can make a reservation through your *Click and Go* newsletter or by calling the church at 805-643-5033 or emailing office@saintpaulsventura.org.

All are welcome to join us for this Sunday Service!



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Finance Committee** - Wed, Aug 18 at 6pm via Zoom
- **Buildings and Grounds** - Thurs, Aug 19 at 8:30am (Community Rm, with masks)
- **Vestry Retreat** - Sun, Aug 22, 2-5pm on Zoom
- **Outreach Committee** – Mon, Aug 23 at 11am via Zoom
- **Vestry Meeting** - Wed., Aug 25 at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **St. Paul's Hike & Outdoor Eucharist** - Sat, Aug 28, 8:30am at Harmon Canyon
- **Choir Retreat** - Sat, Aug 28, 10-2pm at Kahler Hall (*in person with masks*)

SAVE THE DATES:

8/29 Blessing of the Backpacks and 9/12 is Homecoming Sunday



Volunteers Needed

We need readers, new Flower Guild members and more ushers for our rotation in the fall. No experience If we have a few more, everyone only needs to serve once a month. All of these ministries are integral to our services and these are wonderful groups to join.

Please contact our office if you are interested via email at office@saintpaulsventura.org or phone. We would love to hear from you.